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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of **Praveen SHARMA** and
Anders LÖNNEBORG entitled "**METHOD
OF PREPARING A STANDARD DIAGNOSTIC
GENE TRANSCRIPT PATTERN**"

Assignee: **DIAGENIC AS**

Our Ref: Q-65721

17858 U.S. PTO
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/429,003 (Confirmation No. 5417) filed October 29, 1999, of Praveen SHARMA and Anders LÖNNEBORG entitled "METHOD OF PREPARING A STANDARD DIAGNOSTIC GENE TRANSCRIPT PATTERN"; which in turn is a Continuation of PCT/GB98/01261, filed April 30, 1998.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims, Abstract, 3 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed in the prior application.

Also filed simultaneously herewith is a Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement (accompanied by Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified)- listing references cited by the Examiner or Applicants during prosecution of the prior application), and Statement in Support of Submission (accompanied by a copy of the Sequence Listing).

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1634.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
NORWAY	NO 972006	April 30, 1997

The priority document was filed on February 1, 2000, in Parent Application No. 09/429,003.



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Applicants claim benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									<u> </u>	\$0.00

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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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